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WAR AS THE YEAR ENDS.

While the Central Powers Have Suffered They Have Won More Than They Have Lost.

For the enemies of Germany the year is ending badly on the field of battle. In Mesopotamia a British army is retreating to escape destruction. In Macedonia an Anglo-French force is falling back from Serbian territory, having failed to succor the gallant Slavs and being now in danger itself. Allied prestige is shattered in the Near East and shaken in the Far East.

Looking back over the twelve months it is impossible to view them as other than months in which German success in the field has rivaled that of Napoleon or Louis XIV. Poland, Serbia, and Lithuania have been conquered, a road has been opened to Constantinople and to the Ottoman ally, and Bulgaria has been persuaded to cast her lot with the Central Powers.

On the west, half a dozen Allied attacks have been halted; and the battle-lines remain but little changed since the closing shots of the Battles of Flanders put a term to German offensive effort in France and in Belgium. In half a dozen places the Allies have made progress. They have taken villages and hills. North of Arras and east of Rheims they have progressed for several miles. But these advances have been meaningless, save as they have indicated an ever-growing Anglo-French strength and have established the conviction in Paris and London that the deadlock in the west can be broken, when ammunition is available in sufficient quantities.

But east and west it is necessary to point out that the success has been with Germany. In France and Belgium she undertook to hold her enemies in check and she has held them. In Russia she planned to take Warsaw and roll back the Russian masses from the Carpathians to the Niemen and beyond, and she has done this. Finally, she broke new ground in a campaign to the Golden Horn; and here she has accomplished with ease and rapidity that fullest measure of possible success, which was denied her in Russia as it had been in France in 1914.

As the year closes it shows Germany and her allies still triumphant, in better military posture than a year ago and endangered only by economic pressure within her boundaries and a prospective shortage in numbers, by no means assured and not yet revealed on the firing line.

What is the Allied statement for the twelve months? First of all, the German advance in the west has been permanently checked. Neither in Paris nor Berlin is there the faintest thought that a new campaign will carry the Germans to Paris or to the Channel. The destruction of France and the approach to Britain are no longer possibilities of the war. Superiority in men and munitions on the western front is assured to the Allies for the period of the war.

The security of France and Great Britain thus made certain, the work of the British fleet has shone forth in full splendor. German commerce is a thing of the past; and Germany is to all intents and purposes a beleaguered fortress, not yet perhaps facing starvation, but plainly suffering from a shortage of certain kinds of food, and many of the materials needed to make war. Not yet possessing on the Continent the influence or the power of Napoleon I, at the moment of the meeting at Tilsit, William II is facing the same difficulties, the same economic pressure, which brought Napoleon to his knees ultimately, because he never could reach Britain or destroy the British fleet.

Germany has indeed occupied 8400 square miles of France, a twenty-fifth of the area of the country, which before the war maintained some 2,500,000 people, but was cleared of men by mobilization in advance of the occupation. But France and Britain have cleared German colonies, have conquered Togo and Southwest Africa, and are at the point of ending German rule in the Kamerun, while Japan and Australia have lowered the German colors in the

Pacific. If Germany holds Belgium and a fraction of Northern France, she holds them as a counterbalance to British control of the sea, and Anglo-French possession of her colonies.

In sum, the passing year has seen the German failure to win in the west made absolute. It has also seen the collapse of the effort, by submarine activity, to blockade Britain, and thus to free German commerce. It has seen the issues of the war become Polish, Balkan, and Asiatic, not French or Belgian. It has seen the problem change from one of world-power with immediate European supremacy, to the problem of a readjustment which shall leave Germany a "place in the sun" and an open road to future world power.—From "The War's Vast Horizons," by Frank H. Simonds, in the American Review of Reviews for January.

Jonas Snodgrass returned to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Monday after passing the holidays with home folks.

The jury commission is in session today selecting jurors for the February term of court.

Last night the Matrons' and Patrons' Association, O. E. S., held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Andy Elmore and Mrs. Pearl Keyes. After the usual interesting discussion of important questions the election of officers followed. Several invited guests were present and the evening proved one of rare pleasure and interest. Delicious refreshments were served.

DOWN ON HIS BACK.

"About two years ago I got down on my back," writes Solomon Bequette, Flat River, Mo. "I got a 50c box of Foley Kidney Pills and they straightened me right up. I recommend them to all who have kidney trouble." Rheumatic aches and pains, soreness and stiffness, deep disturbing bladder trouble, yield quickly to Foley Kidney Pills. For sale by Reed & Burnett.

WHAT IT COST FORD.

The total estimated cost of the Ford peace motor car is \$14,950. The Ford automobile is the only one that can be run on kerosene or gasoline.

JUSTICE LAMAR DEAD.

Joseph R. Lamar, associate justice of the United States supreme bench, died at his home in Washington, D. C., Sunday after an illness of several months. He was appointed by President Taft and had served five years. He was 58 years old.

BUSINESS MEETING.

The Cumberland County Business Association will meet in the court house Monday night at 7:30 to adopt by-laws and elect officers for this year.

This association presents a chance for all live wire business men of the county to get together in a way to greatly assist every movement that will benefit Crossville and the county generally. You should not fail to be present and encourage the movement.

Grassy Cove

Rev. Robt. Hall filled his regular appointment in the M. E. church Sunday. Chas. Brady went to Crab Orchard Friday.

Mrs. Kate Burnett and son, Wayne, and Willa Andrews attended the Sunday school convention at Crossville Thursday.

Samuel Bristow is visiting his mother, Mrs. N. Bristow.

Misses Verdie and Forest Kemmer and brother Creed, are home from Grandview for the vacation.

Miss Ruth Davenport is spending the vacation with homefolks.

Ben Loden, who has been in Idaho for the past few months, returned home last week.

Misses Maude and Ida Dorton, of Crossville, were visiting friends here recently.

Ernest Dorton and little son Thomas were in the Cove on business one day last week.

A. J. Ford was in Crossville one day last week.

V. C. Burnett, of Crossville, visited home folks Sunday.

Rev. Wesley Collins and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Collins' father, John Sims.

Jan. 3. Tube Rose.

HOW TO CURE COLDS.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction. 2.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

To Be Held in Nashville, May 3, to Nominate Candidates for Governor, U. S. Senate and Choose Delegates to the National Convention.

The republican state committee met in Nashville Thursday and designated May 3 as the date for holding the state convention to nominate a candidate for governor, United States senate and elect delegates to the national convention that convenes in Chicago, June 7. The convention will be held in the house of representatives, capitol building, on date named.

Aside from selecting the four delegates at large to the national convention there will also be selected the usual alternates. The convention will be called to order at 11 o'clock a. m. At this time everything seems very harmonious and the outlook for a united party is good.

Former Governor Ben W. Hooper is spoken of as the most likely candidate for United States senate and John W. Overall seems to be the leading candidate for the gubernatorial race.

The basis of representation is fixed by the total vote cast in 1912 for both Roosevelt and Taft. All republicans are to be recognized regardless of how they voted in 1912. This county will have its customary four votes in the convention. We take the following from the call issued by the state committee:

"All republicans are cordially invited to meet together in the various counties of this state and take part in the selection of delegates to this convention."

"The purpose of this convention shall be to hold under the call issued from the various counties' committees at such times as the said county committees may deem proper; provided, however, that the county conventions called for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend said state convention shall not be held earlier than the first Monday in February, 1916, and not later than the third Monday in April, 1916."

MUST PUBLISH NOTICES.

"It is further ordered that notices of all county conventions shall be published for at least two consecutive weeks in a weekly newspaper in the county where the convention is called, provided there is a newspaper published in the county. If there is none, then, and in that event, the said public notice shall be written and posted in three or more conspicuous places in said county, at least ten days before the date of said county convention, one notice of which shall be at the court house, and said notices shall clearly state the time and place of meeting of said county convention."

"Be it further ordered, that no county shall vote in said convention a larger number of votes than said county is entitled to under the above representation, regardless of whether it selects a larger number of delegates in the county convention or not. No proxies shall be allowed, all delegates present at the state convention casting the vote to which said county is entitled, as hereinbefore set out."

"A list of delegates from each county to the state convention shall be delivered to the secretary of the state committee at Nashville, Tenn., not later than the 27th day of April, 1916. Where more than one set of delegates from any county is reported to the secretary of the committee, a contest shall be deemed to exist, and such delegates shall, two days before the convention, submit all credentials to the committee for decision as to which delegates reported shall be placed on the temporary roll of the convention."

"The temporary roll of the convention shall be made up under the rules adopted by the republican state convention in 1906, and which are now in force."

"The state committee shall meet on the 1st day of May, 1916, at Nashville, Tenn., at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of making up the temporary roll of the convention."

"J. S. BEASLEY, Chairman.
"E. G. STOKESBURY, Secretary.
"Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30, 1915."

WAR SITUATION.

Three Millions of Men Locked in Death Struggle on Galician Front.

There has been little activity on the western battle front and that the usual artillery duels, mining and sapping that brings no particular advantage to either side.

On the eastern front on the border between Russia and Austria there are three millions of men locked in a death struggle in the most terrific battle of the entire war. The fight has been in progress for three days and no information of importance has been received from either side. Such meagre news as has been received has come from Russia and indicates the fight is going favorable to them.

Thursday of last week a submarine sank a British liner, Persia, in the eastern Mediterranean and it is thought over 200 persons were lost, among the number being Robert N. Neely, United States consul at Aiden. He was on his way to his post. The vessel is thought to have been sunk by an Austrian submarine without giving any warning. The vessel carried very heavy mails and passengers and crew to the number of about 260. It is felt this act will possibly render adjustment of differences over the Ancona sinking, in which Americans lost their lives.

Sunday two British ships, Oswald and Glengyle, were sunk in the Mediterranean, but most of the persons aboard were saved. The Glengyle was built in 1914, and she went down on her second voyage.

Millstone

Miss Sarah E. Turner left Monday for her home in Pomona.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Farnie spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Barnes.

Misses Hattie Barnes and Allie Carter spent Thursday night with Mrs. Lewis Potter.

Wesley Hamby and Asberry Barnes were in business at 11 o'clock Monday.

Miss Annie Melvin gave a party at her home Wednesday night. Those present were: Misses Elizabeth March and Ruth DeRossett and Messrs. Paul DeRossett, Edgar and Jonas Snodgrass, of Crossville, Miss Lenora Lingo, of Westel, and Robert Sander, of Harrison. All reported a good time.

Herbert Kilford, of Harrison, is visiting at E. P. Melvin's.

Mrs. Mary Kendrick spent Wednesday night at E. P. Melvin's.

James Scott went to Rockwood on business Thursday.

Miss Bettie Carter returned to Rockwood Monday, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. James Green and children spent from Monday till Wednesday with Mrs. Ellen Carter.

Miss Hazel Farmer spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Erna Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Erna Carter visited Mrs. James Green for a few days.

Sherman Hamby and William Melton, of Watson, were here Monday.

Virgil Kendrick went to Pisgah Sunday and returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Asberry Barnes spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Potter.

Frank Derrick spent Saturday night and Sunday with his family.

J. W. Barnes will move his family to Catoosa Monday, where they will remain for some time.

Sam Kelley, of Daysville, was here Sunday.

Jan. 3. Lilac.

Pomona

So far as the writer knows, the members of our "La Grippe Club" are all able to "sit up and take notice" again, and we hope to see each and every one of them fully recovered soon.

Mrs. Mary Hembree Myers, aged 80, wife of Joseph Myers, died Tuesday after a short illness of pneumonia. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Hall at the home Thursday afternoon, and the remains were laid to rest in the family burial ground at the old Hembree home. Although she had been an invalid for years, Mrs. Myers was well known in this county in her younger days. She was born and reared here, her parents having been among the first settlers. Besides her husband she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Van Winkle, and Mrs. Myers, of Doyle, besides several nieces and nephews, all of whom have the sympathy of their many acquaintances in their bereavement.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—Our Pleasant Hill correspondent. Why do we no longer hear from the beautiful little village, home of the splendid academy presided over by Professor W. E. Wheeler, and his efficient staff of teachers? A year or so ago we saw an appeal from Rev. H. E. Partridge, for

merly of Pomona, now of California, for news from the Academy, and we feel assured there are many, many others who would gladly welcome an article now and then from there. Last May the writer visited the school for the first time, and was so favorably impressed with the commencement exercises, and the wholesome, home atmosphere of the academy, as well as with the quiet town nestling among the quiet hills, that she has watched eagerly since then for some notice in the Chronicle of the work there. While on a recent visit East, Mrs. F. H. Washburn, of Pomona, who is always lending a helping hand, interested several of the women's clubs of Massachusetts, in the work of the academy, and they have promised to send a barrel of articles now and then for the sales which are conducted for the benefit of the school. Do the immortal words, "A prophet is never without honor except in his own country," also apply to our Pleasant Hill Academy?

M. P. Smith, who has been quite ill for the past week, is recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox and family have taken possession of the place known as the Patterson home.

Jan. 3. O. B.

CLIFTY

One more Christmas has passed, bringing with it happiness on the one hand and disappointment on the other. Many a child will look back on this season, in the years to come, with memories only of joy and pleasure, while to others it means nothing but emptiness.

Clifty has enjoyed a quiet Christmas. Christmas morning snow began to fall and in a few hours the whole country was wrapped in a mantle of white, emblematic it seemed, of the spirit of peace and good will which the day commemorates.

Friday night the children gathered at the school house, where the older folks had prepared a Christmas tree, and every child from three to fifteen was remembered with sacks of fruit, candies and nuts. This custom of gathering the children in the school house for which the children look forward to every year.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Young and their son, William Richard, spent the holidays visiting relatives at Sparta.

R. D. Holt left Friday for a visit of several days with friends in Crossville.

Miss Marie Gott, who has been in school at Cleveland the past term, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The office and store were closed Saturday while the employees were taking Christmas. The mines were also closed down for that day, but every one is back at work with the beginning of the week.

Mrs. J. F. Harris entertained Saturday night in honor of the visitors and the school boys and girls who are at home for the holidays. Quite a crowd of both young and old enjoyed the hospitality of this most popular hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCormick had as their guests at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lovejoy and Miss Moselle Reeves.

A party of young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lovjoy Sunday night and enjoyed an evening of song.

Miss Moselle Reeves will begin teaching a class of music with the beginning of the spring term. She will use one of the rooms at the school building. From all reports, she will have quite a large number of pupils.

Robert O. Young has returned from Franklin, where he has been in school for the past year or so, and is in Sparta visiting relatives. He will spend a week or so here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Young, before returning to take up his duties for another term.

N. E. Jackson and his sons, Charlie and Fay, were here last week.

E. A. O'Neal and Archie Harris, of Valparaiso University, Indiana, were unable to be with us for the holidays, and their presence was very much missed during the many gatherings this year.

Our people are very much interested in stock raising and plans are on foot that will very materially build up the quality of beef cattle in our community. An association is also being organized to raise sheep, and the manner in which our men are taking hold shows that sheep-raising will be quite a business in this neighborhood in the near future. With the N. C. & St. L. demonstration farm, and the assistance the railroad is giving in matters of stock raising, the time is not far off until Clifty will be known all over the state as a leading agricultural center.

Dec. 29. Clifty Spirit.

JANUARY'S "SLOWING UP."

Winter indoor life, heavy food and irregular exercise cause a dull, tired feeling. Foley Cathartic Tablets tone up the stomach and bowels, lighten up the liver, cleanse the system and give the light, free feeling of proper digestion and good health. Do not gripe or nauseate. For sale by Reed & Burnett.